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Ole Palmquist, 88

The funeral for Ole Palmquist, 88, Groton, was held Monday, Nov. 14, 1994, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Anne Maldoon officiating.

Burial will be later at Fergus Falls, Minn., under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

He died Friday, Nov. 11, at Colonial Manor, Groton.

Ole Palmquist was born April 30, 1906, to Andrew and Helen (Johansen) Palmquist in Fergus Falls. He attended school in Fergus Falls, graduating from high school there. He worked as a truck driver and a salesman for Coca-Cola. He also worked in the grocery business in Minneapolis.

He married Gladys Aldrich in 1926. He worked from 1939 to 1940 as a foreman for the U.S. Forest Service. He was in the first crew that planted trees for windbreaks in North and South Dakota.

He married Olive Crowder on March 19, 1940, in Moorhead, Minn. During World War II, he went as a civilian to the Northwest Territories, the Yukon, Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, working as a construction foreman building landing fields and airports for the military.

After the war, he started a fertilizer company called Green Gro, which he operated in Milbank, Groton, Houghton and Benson, Minn. he then became a salesman for Tyler Corporate Industries of Benson and also started Palmquist Sales, selling fertilizer equipment in a five-state area.

After his retirement as a salesman, he continued working for the Tyler Co. as vice-president of public relations until his retirement. The couple owned a lake home at Northwest Angle in Minnesota, where they spent summers after their retirement. In 1990 they moved to Warroad, Minn., They returned to Groton on March 13, 1993 and later moved into the Colonial Manor.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, Milbank Masonic Lodge, Yelduz Shrine of Aberdeen and Ducks Unlimited. He was a charter member of the Olive Grove Golf Course and was an avid hunter and sportsman.

Survivors include his wife of Groton; two sons, Donald Lee Palmquist, Oak Island, Minn.; and Gordon Stanley Palmquist, Warroad, Minn.; a daughter, Mrs. Wayne (Helen Patricia) Fish, Cape Coral, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, one sister and one granddaughter.

Honorary casketbearers were Ivan Bowen, David Doeringsfeld, Gene Funk, George Pierson, Arlo Shaw and all employees of Tyler Corporate Industries of Benson, Minn.

Casketbearers were Ben Anderson, John M. Clark, Bill Luzzum, Gerald Rix, Ben Schaller and Orville Schaller.

Arllys Doeden was the organist and the Rev. Bill Duncan was the soloist.